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SUBJECT: SOME SYRIAN VIEWS ON DISENGAGEMENT AND GENEVA

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN DAMASCUS HAD DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S WESTERN EUROPEAN DIRECTOR JOUEJATI APRIL 4 WHICH AMBASSADOR FELT PROBABLY REFLECTED SYRIAN GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS MORE THAN JOUEJATI NORMALLY DOES.

2. JOUEJATI SAID SYRIA WOULD ATTEND GENEVA CONFERENCE IF THERE WERE NO NEW DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT OR EVEN IF THERE WERE A SINAI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT "WITH NO TRICKS," PROVIDED THAT THERE WERE A "PROMISE" OF GOLAN DISENGAGEMENT ALSO. HE SAID SYRIA COULD ACCEPT 10 MILE DEMILITARIZED ZONE IF IT WOULD GET THE ISRAELIS "OFF THE
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HILLS."

3. JOUEJATI DESCRIBED SYRIA'S CURRENT RELATIONS WITH JORDAN AS "ALMOST INTIMATE," WHILE RELATIONS WITH IRAQ ARE VERY BAD. HE SAID PALISTINIANS MIGHT ATTEND GENEVA CONFERENCE AS MEMBERS OF AN ARAB DELEGATION OR (INTERESTINGLY) A JOINT SYRIAN-JORDANIAN DELEGATION.

4. FCO ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY WEIR ALSO TELLS US THAT SYRIANS TOLD JORDANIANS THEY HAVE LINED UP 100 VOTES IN UNGA FOR EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN. WHEN JORDANIANS REMONSTRATED, SYRIANS INSISTED THAT SUCH AN EXERCISE AT NEXT FALL'S UNGA WOULD SERVE TO EXPOSE US AS PRACTICALLY SOLITARY SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL. THOUGH WEIR ASSUMES THIS IS 90 PERCENT RHETORIC LIKE SO MUCH ELSE THAT SYRIANS SAY, HE NOTES THAT SUCH SYRIAN EFFORTS WOULD NOT BE INCONCEIVABLE IF ME SITUATION HAD DETERIORATED BY FALL.

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